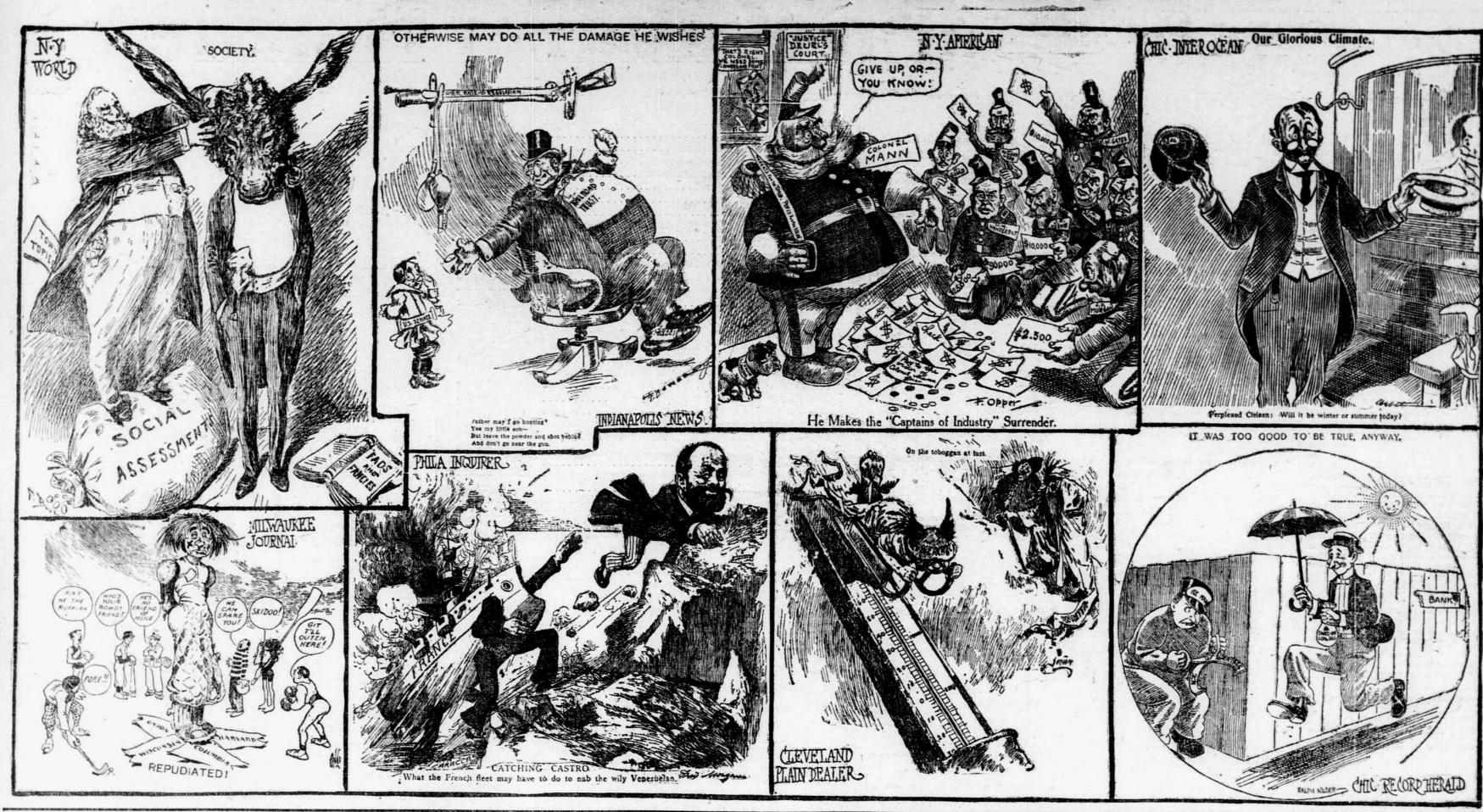
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OLD DAYS OF BASE BALL

Ted Sullivan Recalls the Na-

The old Nationals of Washington were the base ball pioneers of the national game in the west. They were all nearly clerks the game they were. The team consisted of George Wright, one of the greatest short- carved three nicks in the weather." stops that ever played; Williams, Berthrong, Fox. Studley, Smith and others. The CAREER OF THE playing of this team set the natives of the west wild with their artistic handling of the ball. Jake Schaefer's artistic manipulation of the billiard balls is no more skilltional team handled the ball and bat, to the amazement of the people of the west. The Washington players toured the west in grand style, defeating all comers until they met the Forest City team of Rockford, Ill., at Dexter Park, Chicago, where they met defeat at the hands of Rockford, who at that time had A. G. Spalding in the box. Before the arrival of those Washington men Chicago and Rockford had been bitter rivals in amateur hare held. The Chicago ter rivals in amateur base ball. The Chicago Excelsiors had defeated the Rock-fords ten days before the Nationals' ar-rival, so all Chicago argued that It Reck-ford could be a company of the control of the co ford could beat this great team from Washington and they could beat Rockford, the Nationals, of course, would be easy for the the crowd came to Dexter Park,

and a big one it was. But the Nationals jumped in and beat the supposed invincible Chicago amateur team by 49 to 4. This defect amount is defeat amazed the people of the west and northwest, as they could not reconcile the uncertainty of the game. They accuses this peerless organization of Washington of purposely losing the game to Rockford so that they would get bets on the Chicago contest. Today we find class D clubs the feeting a major league only considerable. defeating a major league club occasionally while they are training in the south, and yet put one of those minor league clubs in a race of six months with the majors and hey would not be able to win ten games

The loss to Rockford and the victory over the Chicago Exceisiors created a great scandal in Chicago, but when it was found out that the officers of the Nationals were from the best circles of the capital, and that the players were men of social standing in this city, and that the team itself refused all gate money and other revenue for its expenses, the people of Chicago and the west were only too eager to apologize. The Nationals were followed the next year, 1868, by the three premier organizations of the east—the Athletics of Philadelphia, Atlantics of Brooklyn and Unions The loss to Rockford and the victory over delphia, Atlantics of Brooklyn and Unions of Morrisania. The aim of these three high-class organizations was to show their high-class organizations was to show their wild, woolly cousins in the west the art of batting and catching the ball. The Athletics had on their roster Malone, Mc-Bride, Fisher, Al Reach, Radeliff, Berry, Cuthbert, Count Sensenderfer, Huebel and Bechtel. The Atlantics of Brooklyn were composed of Mills, Zeitlein, Joe Start, Bob Fergeson, Dick Pierce, Chas, Smith, Jack Chapman, Crane, McDonald and Tom Platt The Unions of Morrisania held in their ranks Birdsall, Pabor, Goldie, Martin and Geo. Wright. The men enumerated were a combination of gentlemen and base ball players that were the pioneers and exponents par excellence of the first pro-fessional ball in the east or west. The next year, 1869, came the first clean-cut salaried team, the famous Cincinnati Reds. With this team began all that is commendable in professional base ball, namely discipling namely, discipline and team work. You will hear once in a while today a few players or fans who are basking in their that in those days they did not know how to play for batters. Although a very small boy then, I remember having seen at that time Harry Wright and Andy Leonard, who were respectively left and center fielders of the Reds, pull in and pull out, pull west and pull east for this pull out, pull west and pull east for this and that kind of a batter while playing the outfield for that great organization. I have seen some bail players right in our own day, and not 150 days off, with so dense a brain that you could not with a Winchester rifle shoot an up-to-date bright base ball idea through their heads.

if old Ram had been in the sporting game, Campbell really was a wonder. He was one of the eleverest dramatic critics in the country. Shakespearean scholar, and perhaps the most intimate friend Sir Henry Irving had in America, a deep student of stage history, a Hebrew and Sanskrit scholar, be One evening Campbell and I were sitting this office in Washington, and he was be moaning because (so he said) the editors f his paper would not permit him to write

English," he lamented. "If I try to be a bit picturesque there is a kick." Without speaking I reached over and pulled the paper out of his typewriter. The last sentence he had written read this

"And Amie Rusie made a Svengali pass

KING OF THE RINGERS.

CHICAGO, January 27 .- Trotting circles are stirred again over the king of the ringers, Fred Wilton, it being reported that he is being prepared under a new name to invade the west again the coming

Fred Wilton began his turf career hon-estly, but after the first crooked step seemed fated to fall into dishonest hands. Fred Wilton (2.09¼) is a bay pacing gelding by Wilward, and made his record in 1900. He started in 1808 as a two-year-old and in 1890 made a record of 2.25¼. His wayward career began in 1901 at Rockport, Ohio, in the 2.30 pace, as Ornus, by Orphan, but he was not in the money. He next started at Bradford, Pa., in the 2.28 pace, and won. His best time was 2.17 4. Then he won the 2.22 pace at St. Mary's and next he got third money in the Mary's and next he got third money in the 2.17 pace at Titusville. At Cleveland he failed to realize. At Bucyrus the next week he won second place in the 2.15 pace. This was his last appearance as

Horsemen knew of the work of Ornus, but at Bay City, Mich., in his next start, the description of the stranger that had taken so much corn crop money away from Ohio did not fit Frank Derby, by Charles Derby. His markings had been changed. After traveling very slowly in several races he won his race on the third day of his meeting and then made a rapid change to Warren, Ohio, appearing as Rock Wilkes in the 2.20 pace. Again he took first money.

For a while Ohio was his stamping ground, appearing at each meet under a different name and with a new coat of paint. But the muscles beneath were the same. When Ohio got too warm for his owners operations were begun at Westfield, Mass.—again as Frank Derby. The last place to which he was traced that year was to Elmira, N. Y.

was driving He next appeared at faraway Water-ville, Me. He started as Noah R. There he won two races, and next moved to Bangor, Me., where he was in the money.

a report was circulated of the death of Fred Wilton at Windsor.
Last summer a horse alleged to be Fred Wilton was discovered on the Salt Lake City track, appearing in a special race as Ben J. by Reward J. He won the race, but was recognized by the presiding judge, Magnus Flaws, whose protest was nullified by refusal of action by the others interested.

National Regatta at Springfield. pecial Dispatch to The Star.

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NEW YORK, January 27.—The spring meeting of the executive committee of the that Association of Amateur Oarsmen will be seld in the New York Adhietic Club.

The Shakespeare of Base Ball.

Hugh Pullerton in Chicago Tribune.

Joe Campbell of Washington really was the Shakespeare of base ball. He wrote the shannal races on the Connecticut river at the annual races on the Connecticut river the annual races on the Connecticut river and work and probably was the best story writer of the "Jem Mace told that ever happened. He would be the world with a great deal of enthusiasm, for the same will have the co-operation of Boston and Worcester, and also have the argument school that ever happened. He would be proposed to the dealth at the plate when the ball, argument and work dally in the gymnashing the that Association of Amateur Oarsmen while he led in the New York Adhletic Clubs, as well as from prominent men who are analysis to expense of the American athletes. Contributions are expected from all of the back and are now at work dally in the gymnashing has opened to the will be held in the plate when the ball, argument and work dally in the gymnashing the obling to the executive committee of the surprise deal of the track team material, and are now at work dally in the gymnashing the other than the plate when the ball, argument and work dally in the gymnashing the other than the plate when the ball, argument and who are analysis close to the track team material, and are now at work dally in the gymnashing the other than that notations are repeated from all of the Star. A. A. The executive committee of the Star. Phila Dispatch to The Star.

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BASEMEN

Long time ago we were riding somewhere on a train one day, which is definite enough for all purposes, when Dahlen, Fred Pfeffer and I fell into a discussion as to which is the more important position on the infield, second base or shortstop. Of course there was nothing to the argument, as the importance is equal in all things except covering second base, and it depends on which man is the better at getting the ball and touching the runners. If the shortstop is better he covers the bag, and his position becomes the more important. We were simply ar-

grounds."

Griffith wasn't so far wrong, for you can count on the fingers of one hand the first basemen who have really done things in their position, and in many cases the first baseman is merely a stoughton bottle, a sort of pensioner kept on the list because h can hit. Once in a while there comes along a first baseman who turns tricks, who covers ground and makes combination plays around the field, and whether he can hit or not he usually shines for a time. Charley Comiskey was the first of the

really great first basemen. He showed the possibilities of his position, and it is one of the odd things of the game that almost every first baseman Commy has developed has played more base ball around the bag than his rivals. Commy played an extremely deep field, covered immense territory, cut off hundreds

of right-field hits and trained his pitchers to field. Every pitcher he had covered first base on every play, or was there ready to cover it, and it really was he who showed pitchers that they could be valuable outside of heaving the ball toward the plate.

It is another remarkable fact that almost every year he has been in charge of a team, no matter in what league, his pitchers have had far more putouts than those of any other team in the same circuit. He trains Fred Tenney showed the modern base ball

world new things about covering first and playing combination ball with the rest of the infield. He astounded the old-timers by the way he got the ball and made the plays to second or third, especially on bunts to-ward first, and his quickness in this line started a fad for left-handed first basemen. Jiggers Donohue, another left-hander, is year was to Elmira, N. Y.

In 1902 he was raced in Wisconsin under the name of El Zaga.

In 1903 he opened his third tour on July 4 at Fort Dodge, Iowa, as Wilkes Jim, by Jim Wilkes. He got only second money, but thereafter first money and side bets flowed into the coffers of "Cook," who was designed to the started as a catcher, and never was better than second rate, although a good hitter. The first year he covered first base he was a fright, yet last season, coached by Comistive and Marking the plays-like Tenney, he was the wonder of the American League. was the wonder of the American League.
Once there was a big, lanky fellow named
Crane, who played first base for the Atlantics, who pulled off the most remarkable
double play recorded. Whether he is the Bangor, Me, where he was in the money. In 1904 the performer again made the west his stamping ground. He started at Kansas City as Avalanch, and appeared at Joplin, Mo., and Nevada, Mo.

He was then shipped to Kingfisher, Okia. for the 2.18 pace. Labeled as Columbine, by Combination, he won easily, but was protested and his earnings withheld. Subsequent investigation told the whole story. The dyestuff on his legs and body came off when soap and warm water were applied.

Last winter a horse represented as Fred Wilton was sold at auction at St. Louis, Mo., and was reported sold to a buyer from Windsor, Ont. Shortly afterward a report was circulated of the death of Fred Wilton at Windsor.

long argument.

Another odd incident happened in New York along about 1897. Anson was playing first, of course, and Ryan right, and on that short right field, with its steep downhill pitch, Ryan was a terror to slow runners. He would throw them out at first on line drives to right.

On this day "Black Bill" Clark, who was big and slow, rapped a line drive to right. Ryan sprinted up the hill, grabbed the ball on the first bound, and without stopping or looking shot it toward first. It happened that Anson had his back turned and was

throw from the pitcher just to worry the young twirler. Tucker, seeing his game, began to make strenuous efforts to block Bill off the bag and touch him out. Tucker was tricky, and unless the runner was wise he would find himself cut off entirely from the base. Tom was trying all his tricks with base. Tom was trying all his tricks with Everitt, who was scampering off the base and dodging back. He even caught the ball and sat down suddenly, but Bill got around

On the next try Bill started as if to steal, but after running three feet with a mile of motion he stopped and stepped back on to the base just as the pitcher threw. Whatever possessed him to do it he never knew, but he tickled Tom in the ribs, and Tom, with a whoop, forgot the ball and jumped three feet into the air, letting the ball go to the grand stand.
Other ball players who learned that Tom

was ticklish tried it again and again until the umpires stopped them. One of the best that ever happened was Dehlman, who played with St. Louis' first professional team, way back in the '70s. Dehlman was one of the fastest sprinters that ever broke into the game, and one day, in a game against Chicago at St. Louis, with

guing to pass away the time, and kept it up steadily until Anson butted in with:

"What's the matter with first base being the key to the infield?"

"H—li!" said Griffith. "A first baseman ought to be made to pay to get into the gether they slid toward the plate from op-posite directions, and the umpire gave St. Louis the decision.

WRESTLING IN THE

BIG COLLEGES.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, January 27. - Wrestling among college athletes has come along with great strength within a year, and now is a regular member of the family of minor sports at some of the more prominent of the eastern institutions. Cornell and West Point are the latest converts, and possibly West Point, and certainly Cornell, will be represented at the next intercollegiate champion-

Pennsylvania, Princeton, Yale and Columbia were the entrants at the first annual intercollegiate championship meet held at Philadelphia last year, which was won by Yale. This season all the colleges have gone into the game and are making serious ef-forts to establish the sport as one of the main branches.

Practice has begun in all the institutions

that are to compete in the intercollegiate meet. This will be held at Columbia in the latter part of March. In the interval a series of dual meets will probably be held between the various institutions. Columbia has been asked to meet West Point, Cornell, Princeton Pannsylvania and Vale. Cornell. Princeton, Pennsylvania and Yale. Cornell, and Pennsylvania are preparing for a dual meet, which is to be held in Ithaca in February. Yale and Princeton will hold a dual meet, and so will Princeton and Pennsyl-

PELOTA BEING TRIED

Special Cablegram to The Star.

IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, January 27 .- Pelota, the national game of Spain, is being played at the Olympia for the first time in England. A picturesque game-the national ball of the basque-pelota has been introduced to English sportsmen by Mr. Edwin Cleary, who is sanguine it has come to stay. In Spain and in every Spanish city in South America pelota is wonderfully popular and large sums of money are betted on its results.

Track Prospects at Yale.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

To the Britisher it comes as a mixture of Among the swimmers considered are C. racquets and hand ball, with a touch of tennis thrown in, or racquets with only one side wall. It is a game that requires good condition, accuracy and pace and much endurance. A tremendous swing of the whole body is required, as well as much power, to drive the ball from the end of the court to the wall, a distance of 250 feet.

NEW HAVEN, January 27 .- More than a hundred candidates, a large percentage of

WILL GO TO ATHENS

American Participants in the Olympic Games.

NEW YORK, January 27 .- To go to Greece and take part in the Olympian games there this year is the ambition of many American athletes. One event in particular is very open just now. It is the mile, and for it many candidates are sure to try for the position.

At this early date it is impossible to tell who will make up the team on account of possible refusals owing to business and college duties. The men most likely to be selected in the sprints are: C. L. Parsons, Olympic Club of San Francisco; Archie Hahn, Milwaukee Athletic Club; Willie Hogensen, Chicago Athletic Associa-

tion, and W. A. Shick of Harvard. America can boast of a great quartet of 440-yard men in Hillman, New York Athletic Club; Hyman of Pennsylvania, Groman of Chicago and Waller of Wisconsin. The pick of the half-mile men are Light-body of Chicago, Parsons of Yale, Valen-tine, New York Athletic Club, and Breit-krentz of Wisconsin.

In the longer runs there are Cohn, Sheppard and Sullivan, the Irish trio, with Hall of Yale and Rowe of Michigan.

The Field Men.

If the best American field men can be put into the game it is a foregone conclusion that the stars and stripes will wave triumphant. Europe has no weight men such as Sheridan, Irish-American Athletic Club; Rose and Coe of Michigan, Sheldon of Yale, Garrels of Michigan, Flanagan, Irish-American Athletic Club, and Mitchell, New York Athletic Club. Again, in the jumps the foreigners would suffer in comparison with Jones, New York Athletic Club; Mahoney, New York Athletic Club; Prinstein, Irish-American Athletic Club; Symonds of Princeton, Friend of Chicago, Serviss of Cornell, and Ewry, New York Athletic

The question upon which hangs the whole success of the Yankee team in the Grecian games is this: Can our crack athletes ar-range their college and business duties so range their college and business duties so as to spare the six weeks necessary to make the trip to Athens? With this one cropper surmounted the success of the American team would be assured beyond the shadow of a doubt. Barring the distance runs the Yankee team, in its full strength, would rule a strong favorite in every event on the card. It is expected that the committee will announce the names of the athletes selected within a few days and that the candidates will begin training about the 1st of March.

Among the coaches mentioned to accompany and advise the athletes are: Alonzo A. Stagg, University of Chicago; E. W. Hjertberg of the Irish-American Athletic Club, A. F. Copland of the New York Athletic Club, and Keane Fitzpatrick of Michigan.

Sixty to Be Sent.

The Olympic committee plans to send in all about sixty men to Greece, including track and field men, swimmers, fencers, wrestlers, boxers and tug-of-war teams. An effort will be made to have the winners of the last three Marathon races in this country go over to run in the Marathon. If the winners of the Boston, Chicago and St. Louis Marathons cannot make the trip the next best men in the respective events will be sent.

M. Daniels, J. Scott Leary, H. H. Handy, Marquand Schwartz and R. Loughlin. The

Marquand Schwartz and R. Loughlin. The Olympic committee (will co-operate with the North American Gymnastic Union in the selection of a gymnastic team. W. Scott O'Connor of the Fencers' League has promised to look after the fencing interests and the Bicycling Association will do the same for the cyclists.

James Pilkington of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen has taken up the question of sending a new crew over. Already signs point to the fact that the easiest part of the undertaking will be to raise the \$25,000 necessary to defray the expenses of the American athletes. Contributions are expected from all of the big thletic clubs, as well as from prominent men who are anxious to see the stars and stripes beat all comers in the Grecian games.

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